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LB 160

LB 160, that I thought there were higher priorities, wages and salary increases for teachers and other benefit increases such as the one I am proposing here. And I will continue to oppose LB 160 but I won't try to amend it with this amendment. So I would ask that it be withdrawn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have AM2469 offered by Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: That's the same amendment, I believe, so I would move to withdraw that as well.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend the bill. (Read the Hall amendment as found on page 1383 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, it's a very simple amendment to LB 160 that deals with the issue of early retirement, as Senator Wesely has talked about. The amendment that I offer would just put the retirement age in line with the age at which Social Security is able to be drawn, the earliest age at which an individual who is eligible could draw Social Security. All this amendment does is put that retirement age for teachers in line and at the same age bracket that an individual would be eligible to retire, based on their income that has been paid into the Social Security or the federal system so that these folks would then kick in at age 62. If they are going to receive a 100 percent, I think it ought to be an age that has been declared an age that is eligible by others, and 62 is an age that the Social Security has deemed appropriate. I think that that's...if we're going to do this and say 100 percent, there should be some other parameter for that and I think, as Senator Wesely stated, that if we deal with the age of 62 in 160, then we do have other folks who are eligible at that time, there is some kind of comparison at that level. I would urge the body to adopt this amendment to LB 160.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Hall amendment. I have lights on for Senator Landis. Thank you. Senator